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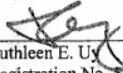
This Amendment, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, and the Advisory Action dated February 7, 2007 is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 11, 12, 17, 21-31, 33, 35, 38 and 39 have been canceled. Claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-16, 18-20, 32, 34, 36 and 37 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-16, 18-20, 32, 34, 36 and 37 would be deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-16, 18-20, 32, 34, 36 and 37 in independent form. Consequently, claims 3-6, 8-10, 13-16, 18-20, 32, 34, 36 and 37 should now be deemed allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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